

A School Community Newsletter Volume 12, June, 1994

## PRINCIPAL＇S MESSAGE

Term 2 is a very busy one in the life of any school，but at Cabramatta it will be especially hectic．I anticipate that both the internal repairs and painting，and the new facilities for Home Economics and Industrial Arts will all be completed by the end of term．While this has led to considerable organisational change，it has not disrupted student learning which is a tribute to both the students and staff，and I thank everyone for their co－operation． We will go into Term 3 with a smart， fresh appearance，and one which reflects far better the quality of what happens in the school．
I was pleased to see many parents attend the Year 12 Parent／Teacher evening and hope to meet many more of you at the meetings planned for the other Years．We are in the business of education together， and it is essential that parents take the opportunity to discuss the progress of their children with us．
The time is fast approaching when Year 10 students will be selecting courses for the Senior School．We offer a vast array of courses，catering both for students who are seeking entry to a university and those who wish to enter the workforce or continue their study at a college of TAFE．It is important that parents take the time to discuss this in detail with their children rather than leaving all
the decisions to them alone．It is also vital that this discussion is realistic．It is a fact that only $30 \%$ of students studying for the HSC across the state are successful in gaining university entry，and yet most students still opt for courses of study which relate to university entry，although this pattern is gradually changing in our school where more options are available than in many other schools．We have a considerable number of students studying TAFE and accredited courses as part of their HSC，and we intend to expand this pathway while maintaining more traditional course patterns for students whose career choice demands university entry．Year 10 will be attending several meetings throughout the year so that they may make informed decisions about the course to take which will be personally satisfying and challenging，as well as providing access to an appropriate carreer． I am proud to be associated with this school as I believe it provides excellent educational opportunities for students of all interests and ability levels．These opportunities are offered in an atmosphere of peace and co－operation， very unlike what we so often read in the press．The School Mission statement－ ＂Our students are our main concern＂－is not just a set of words，but a reality．

第二学期在任何学校都是个非常繁社的学期．在Cabmamatta，中学，更是如此。家政和工业艺术教研组的内部装像和䎦刷预计期来可完工。施工期间虽然交汧多组织变化，但票生们的䆥习没有受任何影响，这归功子掌生和敖师的努力。我感谢大家这一完是的合作，我们将以全新的面目进入第三学期，它更好地反映了我们的教影质量。

我很高兴兄到修多参加十二隼级家灰教师曘会的家长们。希望能在

是进行这一教高任务的根查。







教面，同时为想进大要的悪生保留传统科目。十年级家素将养加一些会


作为这一学椄的一员我感到自豪，周为我相信它婴所有不同至趣和水来的学生提供了良女子的受教育机会。这些机会显花单静和合作的气象虽㙏供的，大大不间与新闻了媒介所说的。我核宗旨＂我们最美心的显领的


Học kỳ 2 là học kỳ rât bận rộn trong sinh hoạt của bất cư trương học nào, nhưng tại Trường Trung hoc Cabramatta, các sinh hoat trong truờng cüng dâc biệt rât là bận rộn, sôi nởi. Tẩ dự tính ràng cả hai việc sửa chửa bên trong, sơn mới và trang bị các dụng cụ mới cho môn Kinh tế Gia đính và Vê Kỳ Nghệ tất cả sé được hoàn tẫt vào cuôi họ kỳ nà̀y. Trong khi có sự thay đố vè tờ chức, nhưng cũng khởng làm gián doann viêc học cua các em học sinh lâ do sự đóng góp của cả hai các em học sinh và các nhân viên nhà trường và tổi cũng thành thật cám ơn tat́t cả mọi nguời đã hợp tác với nhau Chúng ta sẽ bước vào học kỳ 3 với bề ngoài sáng sủa và mới mé và sự thay đơi nây phán ành cho thấy tởt dẹp hơn vê phẩm chát của nhửng gi dang xảy ra trong trường.

Tới rất mong muỡn được gặp nhiều phu huynh tham dự vào buối tởi Phụ huynh / Giáo viên của Lớp 12 và tới cưng hy vọng gạ̣p thêm nhiều phu huynh vào các buổi hop đã được đ̛̣̂̀ ra cho các Lớp khác. Chúng ta cing nhau quan tâm vể vẩn để giáo duc và điều cần thiết rẳng là các phụ huynh nhân cơ hợi nầy đế thảo luận vè việc tiên bộ cua con qui vị với chuing tôi.

Thời gran đến rắt nhanh khi các em hoc sinh Lớp 10 sẽ chọn các môn học cho Lớp Đệ Nhị Cấp. Nhà trường cung cấp nhiều môn học, phục vu cả hai cho các em học sinh nào muốn vào đại học và cho các em nào muốn ra làm việc hay tiếp tục việc hợc của các em tai trường Cao đ̛̉̉̉ng TAFE. Diều quan trong rằng các phụ huynh nên để dành thi giờ để thảo luạn chi tiết vấn đêe nầy với con của qui vị hơn là đẹ̛ cho chúng hoàn toàn tự quyết đỉnh hểt tất cả. Và điêu cưng quan trọng rằng việc thảo luận nầy là thực tế. Sự thật rảng chl có $30 \%$ của các em học sinh học thi Tớt nghiệp Bậc Trung học trong Tiểu bang là thành công trong việc được vào đại họ̣c và hình như hầu hết các em hoc sinh vẫn chọn các môn học oó liên hệ để vào đại học, nhưng vấn đêê nầy ở trong trường của chúng ta tử từ thay đới. mà ở tại trường nả̀y các em học sinh có nhiều chọn lựa hơn nhửng trường khác. Nhà trường có mợt số lượng lớn các em học sinh cang học trường TAFE và các môn học được công nhận như là một phần trong chương trinh học thi lấy Bàng Tốt Nohiểp Bặc Trung Hocc và nhà trường dự tinh mớ rộng lới đi nầy trong khi vẳn duy trị các mẩu môn học cư để cho các em họ̣c sinh nào chọn nghề nghiệp mà cằn phải cá học đại học. Các em học sinh Lớp 10 sẽ tham dự nhiều buối họp trong nảm, đê' các em có thể biết mà quyết định rõ ràng về cách chọn các mốn học, mà việc nầy sê làm cho cá nhân các em được thỏa mẫn và thich thú cuñng như cung cấp việc lựa chọn thich hợp nghề nghiệp.

Tối rất lấy làm hãnh diện cá quan hệ với trường nầy, như là tôi tin rẳng trường nầy cung câp nhiêu cơ hội tốt nhất cho các em học sinh trong tất cả ŷ muốn và các trình độ khả năng của các em. Các cơ hợi nầy được đưa ra trong sự thân mật và hợp tác, chở không giống như chuing ta thuờng dọc trong báo chí. Nhiêm vụ của Nhà Trường được xác định rằng: "Diều quan tâm clinh yếu của chúng ta là các em học sinh của chúng ta" - đây không phải chỉ là lời nói suổng mà là lời nới sự thật.

## D. I. MacKenzie

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

## Summary of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 21st of March, 1994.

* Letter from the RTA concerning fences on Cabramatta Road.
* Letter from Budget Committee to place a submission on behalf of the School Council
* Letter about Workshop for Parents.
* Letter to Mr Loader thanking him for his work at Cabramatta HS.
* Mr Musson reports that parent representatives were re-elected
* Students are now more responsible for their own attendance.
* Thanks to Mrs Coombes for organizing Mr Loader's farewell.
* New side fence quotes soon. Signs to be erected at school boundaries.
* Mugs purchased to promote the school.
* Mrs Grace Ngo congratulated on her CLO appointment.
* DSC Parent Initiative: $\$ 2,000$ for library books.
* Advice on budget progress.
* First Aid Day thanks to Mrs Coombes.
* Lecture Theatre to be operational 26th April.

School Management Plan to be examined next meeting.

* P.E. to be asked about safety precautions at outside venues.
* Canteen Policy to be formulated along the lines of Semi-Health Canteen for Term III. Mrs Perik, Health Studies rep., Senior Exec. member, SRC member, and possible parent member to formulate
* CHS Policies outlined by Mrs Coombes: Attendance; Redtime; Library Information Booklet; Exam Reports and Reference; Students at Risk; Uniform; Awards and Award Ceremony; Driver Education; Tutorials for Year 11 and 12; Study Assistance.
* Other policies for 1994: Canteen Policy;

Student Welfare (Revised); Aboriginal Education; Environment.

* Mirs Schmidt's work for the Chess Club was acknowledged. Mr Birkett's retirement noted - SC rep. to attend morning tea

Summary of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 12th of May,

## 1994

* Council toured Lecture Theatre.
* Quotes for new fences $\$ 3,500-\$ 6,500$ : DSE and PWD installing some fencing. PE approached about pool safety. Mrs Perik approached about Canteen Policy. Next School Development Day 21st Oct. in conjunction with Canley Vale HS: student outcomes.
* Four people appointed as AST's for curriculum.
* Computer grant of $\$ 11,300$ to upgrade computer room. Apple/E's to be moved to T3, mainly for IEC student use.
* Grounds being improved.
* School Fees below Minister's maximum of $\$ 56$. Subject fees are charged above that. Only $60 \%$ of fees collected so far. Council unanimously endorses sending of invoice for outstanding fees with explanatory message. Austudy students are obliged to pay fees.
* Management Plan was distributed and explained.
* Hot water for students to be investigated.
* School Council Photo to be taken.
* Absence of parent member noted - parent to be contacted.



## CHS IEC

Cabramatta High School Intensive English Centre (IEC) was set up in 1979 to support migrant and refugee students of secondary school age in their first few months of arrival in Australia. Currently students come from Bosnia, Cambodia, Croatia, The Czech Republic, Hong Kong, Serbia, and Vietnam.
The IEC has an important social and educational function and focus. Re-settlement in a new country is not as simple as getting on a plane and arriving in Australia. There are any number of difficulties and needs -

* Housing,
* New Relationships,
* Loss of familiar surroundings and friends and close family members,
* Learning a new language and understanding a new culture,
* Cultural expectations.

We are one of the larger faculties of the school. Currently there are nine classes and 107 students. There are 14 teachers including a Head Teacher, a counsellor, a Secretary and 6 Teachers' Aids (Ethnic) who offer L1 support in Assyrian and Arabic, Chinese, Khmer, Spanish/Portuguese, and Vietnamese. Our 'Teachers' Aids have a vital role in communicating with parents / care givers, and assisting students in the classroom and in general matters.
We have a number of specialist programs: Health and Dental screening and follow-up; a Welfare program run by our Migrant Counsellor for all new students; and Literacy Programs.
Students usually remain in the IEC for an average of nine months before moving on to mainstream High School or other specialist English Courses such as AMES or TAFE.
As students develop their English language skills, they study a wider range of subjects from the Key Learning Areas, such as History / Geography, Commerce, and Computer Studies. Students at all levels study English, Science, Health Studies, PE
and Sport.
Life at Cabramatta High School and especially in the IEC is an enjoyable and rewarding experience.


Part of the IEC complex at Cabramatta Higb School

## Opportunity for Senior Students

Students at Cabramatta High School will benefit greatly from a new "Tutorial" program, which has been introduced to senior students to supplement their studies.
This means that in addition to their regular classes, senior students now have the opportunity to revise topics and get extra help in their subjects. Students choose to attend these tutorials in their free periods or lunchtime.
Tutorials being offered are: Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Science for Life, Geography, Art, Music, Ancient and Modern History, Essay Writing and Grammar. Occasional Tutorials will be offered in Legal Studies, Business Studies, and Economics during Terms II and III.

## Parents Go Back to School

On Wednesday the 11th of May, Parents of Year 7 students were invited to a Year 7 Information Night for Mathematics, and Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE.) Teachers from these faculties invited parents to experience lessons to show parents how students are learning today.
Parents were pleasantly surprised at the interesting and enjoyable way lessons are taught.
Comments from parents included:
"I am actually understanding maths" and
"Why weren't our lessons like this?"
It was disappointing to see an overall lack of attendance, perhaps the cold weather kept parents indoors. To those parents who attended, thank you for supporting your child.
) Thanks go to the teachers who organised and conducted the evening: Mrs Atchison, Mr Beuzeville, Ms Bulmer, Ms Geary, Ms Kougelos, Ms Kurovsky, Ms Simpson, and Mr Skene.

At the time of the printing of the previous issue of CabraMatters, we were unaware of the Maths and HSE Information Night dates and times - we apologise for not informing parents of this important community function through our pages.


EVER wished you could travel around th world without winning the lottery? Boy have 1 got something to cab be around th world without spending a fortune because Cabramatta is a multicultural society wher you can find all sorts of shops you've never Don't worry about rumors. - it's not truc Don't worry abour rumars.-
Cabramatta is the place to be to get rid of your boredom. This is where you can sho your boredom. hop until you drop, drop, drop.
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All shops are open seven days a weck. Trom and gift shops as well.
After a day in Cabra you wont want tog home and cook. so why not try some Asia foods in our thaurants?
You name it and we have got it.
If you dont like As: ood, there is takeawa iicken and chips. Chinese New Year is cel
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the tourist calendar.
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but here in Cabra.

Emily Ya, Year 10
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## Excitement centre

F you overiook all the violence, gangs and thefts etc in Cabramatta you will find a place more exciting than you've ever imagined.
Once you set foot in this interesting and. uniquc suburb
you will think you've just beecr'magicaliy transported to somewhere in Asia.
You will find shops and businesses located only in Cabramatta and nowhere else. You can taste foo

All this and you will get to meet a wide variety of Asian people. You wages.
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Not only do people come to. Cabramatta - a well
known tourist place-to kn's unique and wonderful structures, but also to shop. If you don't find the type
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many types of bread shops, clothes shops, bargain shops and restaurants. Cabramatta - there is a lot more to it than you Judie Tran - Yr 1

# STAFF NEWS 

## Eng. Sci. Excursion

It was the end of an era when long serving teacher, Mr Alan Birkett retired after 23 years of service at Cabramatta High School. Alan was involved in many areas of the school. He was known for his patient teaching style as a teacher of Industrial Arts where he managed to bring out the best in even the most difficult student. Alan was also involved in the administration of the school finances and accounts, the hiring of the hall after school hours and had numerous other responsibilities. We wish Alan and his wife weil in their move to the country

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mrs D. Davidson and her husband on the birth of their first child, a baby boy, whom they have named Oliver. We look forward to seeing Mrs Davidson return to school after her maternity leave.
Mrs V. Mastellone of the Mathematics Faculty has taken Maternity leave.
Ms Betty Duran who has been working in ESL is now working in another school.

## English Classes for Parents

Parents of students from Cabramatta High School are invited to join our English Class for parents. The class is held every Tuesday from 1 pm to 3 pm . Mrs L. Nuguyen, a teacher of ESL, teaches parents English for Living skills. The lessons are $\mathbb{F R E E}$ and if parents would like to join the class, they can ring Mrs Grace Ngo on Mondays on 7262424 , or come to the school office on Tuesdays at lp.m.

Engineering Science students were the first High School students to visit the Pyrmont Ulimo project, which involves the construction of a Casino, public housing and a light rail system This construction is being carried out by the City West Development Corporation and will take 20 years to complete. Students saw first hand the practical application of engineering science which will help them with their lessons at school


Students are pictured viewing a bridge and a pile deck construction for parklands and water frontage.


Lee looks for a win


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1994 Comgonweat Bank junior and senior debating competition. Cabratuata High School is just one schooi gearing up
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## SPORT

## School Swimming Carnival

All of those who attended the Swimming Carnival, including staff and students, had a most enjoyable day. The highlight of the day would have to have been the staff relay team "the awesome foursome", "the green machine" amazing everyone with their speed, convincingly winning the relay. The junior girls team of Irene Palmer, Amy 0'Donnell, Susan Pham, and Betty Alavanja was second.
Although the number of competitors was rather disappointing there were some top performances from some students:

Amy O'Donnell (12 years girl age champion) Irene Palmer (Year 7) Betty Alavanja (13 years girl age champion) Esther Atuatika (14 years girl age champion) Daniel Potter (12 years boy age champion) Deyan Toskoski (13 years boy age champion) Brendan Gronow (Year 8)
Yan Liu (14 years boy age champion)
Daniel Brennan (15 years boy age champion) All of these junior students performed outstandingly, perhaps next year we will see a few more senior students getting out there and having a go.

## Zone Swimming Carnival

On the 4th of March at the Zone Carnival, Cabramatta High School had only 17 competitors. This was a very disappointing turn out; however, outstanding performances from Esther Atuatika, Jimmy Kuocb, Amy O'Donnell (Girls 12 years Zone age champion) and Micbael O’Donnell (Boys 16 years Zone runner up age champion) gained positions in the Bernera Zone team to compete at the Regional Championships held at Campbelltown Pool on the 9th and 10th of March. Daniel Potter of Year 7 also performed outstandingly, gaining the 12 years boys runner up age champion.

## Regional Swimming Carnival

 Micbael O'Donnell (Year 11) and Amy o'Donnell (Year 7) both represented Cabramatta High School and Bernera Zone at the Metropolitan South West Regional Carnival. Both Michael and Amy competed at a high level and have achieved excellent results for Cabramatta High School. Congratulations on a great effort.
## School Cross Country

The School Cross Country was held on Wednesday the 4th of May. All students and staff had an enjoyable day and the cross country was a great success. Points were awarded for finishing in the first 10 places in an age group, as well as for novelty events: the Tug o' War, Relays, Three Legged Race, Captain Ball, and Over and Under The outcomes were very close all day, but Bradman was the victor with 327 points, followed closely in equal second place by Mackay and Strickland, with Frazer finishing 4th.
The day finished with a presentation made to the age champions and runners up, as well as the fastest boy and girl in the school. Trophies were presented to these students by their house captains.
EVENT AGE CHAMP. RUNNER UP 12y girls Irene Palmer Marcella Herrera 12y boys Tung Ngo Marin Bugarija 13y girls Bozena Skoric Rhonda Buri 13y boys Jimmy Kuoch Craig Read 14y girls Tanja Poletan Sokli Tang 14y boys Than Lich Phan Khong Keo Luangrath $15 y$ girls Aneth Sen Giang Dang 15y boys John Palmer Minh Duy Cao 16y girls Sladjana Kupresak Alexandra Milenkovic 16y boys Khai Chinh Yip Le Minh Tan 17y girls Megida Begaj Tu Phi Thai 17y boys Carlos Rivas Jose Alarcon Fastest Girl: Anetb Sen, Sladjana Kupresak Fastest Boy: Carlos Rivas, Jose Alarcon

Zone Cross Country
All Cabramatta High School students represented our school in an excellent manner. Cabramatta HS finished 4th - such were the efforts of our representatives. This was a big improvement over the 1993 results, despite the fact that no seniors competed.
We had outstanding individual performances and fifteen students finished in the top 10 places, and will be representing the Zone and School at the Regional level. These students were Marin Bugarija, Irene Palmer; Carlos Pleitez, Jimmy Kuocb, Craig Read, Bozena Skoric, Mevlyde Begaj, Kbong Keo Luangrath, Anetb Sen, Karolina Nesporva, Sefedin Begaj, Jobn Palmer, Susan Pbam, Linde Ttbao and Natasa Crnovic.

## Zone Selections

As well as having our swimmers and cross country runners selected in zone teams, other students have also been selected in other sports:
Susan Pban for Basketball
Nelson Lim, Carlos Rivas, Davis Alvarez, Jobn Celik, David Petrovic, and Anb Kiet Duong for Soccer
Sladjana Kupresak for Tennis

## Utu Peni for Volleyball

## Regional Selections

The following students have gone on to represent the South West Region:
Jobn Celik and Davis Alvarez for Soccer

## Ua Saipaia for Rugby Union

Utu Peni for Volleyball
Sladjana Kupresak for Tennis
Open Boys Knockout Table Tennis team has reached the Regional Final in the Combined High Schools State Knockout.

## State Cbampion

Lee Ngov is the Under 16's NSW Combined High Schools champion in Table Tennis.
Congratulations to all of these outstanding representatives of Cabramatta High School.

## Up \& Coming Events

Well, it's going to be a busy term. We've just had photos taken (I hope everyone smiled), the Cross Country Carnival is coming up (so get those legs moving) and your SRC will be holding another terrific dance party but no date has yet been set.

## SRC Fundraising

This year, Cabramatta High School's SRC will choose four major charities that it would like to sponsor. So far it has chosen World Vision. It is still deciding on the other three charities.
In April we sold Bandaged Bears for the Children's Hospital - this was a success. We raised $\$ 300$, thanks to the support and generosity of the students of Cabramatta High School.
The SRC has donated $\$ 348$ to World Vision. $\$ 133$ of this money was raised at a BBQ the SRC organised. Special thanks to our cook, Mr Alfons and other staff members, and of course, who could forget the SRC members helping hand.
$\$ 200$ will sponsor a Snow Leopard at Taronga Park Zoo. This money will help the Zoo provide food to raise this lovable animal. This money will be raised and organised by the fundraising committee, which includes a staff member, Miss Constantinidis.

## SRC Report on Sport

Although is has only been two terms, our school has been involved in a lot of sports. We have had a lot of sport knockouts such as the Under 15's and Open Boys Soccer, not to mention the Girls Knockout Soccer team.

Coming up in sports for Cabramatta High will be the Athletic and Cross Country Carnivals, and for the real athletes out there, the Zone and Regional Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals will be held soon. For next term, Year 7 and Year 8 are having swimming lessons as well as a Gala Day

## Community Calendar for Term III

Wednesday, 27th July:
Beyond Year 10 final selections
Wednesday, 27th July:
Year 10 Last Reference Test
Thursday, 4th August:
School Council Meeting, 6.30-8.30pm
Monday, 8th August to Friday, 19th August:
Trial HSC Examinations
Monday, 22nd August to Thursday, 1st September:
Year 11 Final Exams
Thursday, 1st September:
School Council Meeting, 6.30-8.30pm
Wednesday, 7th September:
Drug Education Night, 4.00-8.00pm
Friday, 16th September:
Co-operation Day

